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TAGS: OVIP (PATRICK JENKIN), UK

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PATRICK JENKIN: SHADOW CABINET

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

1. PATRICK JENKIN, SHADOW CABINET SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY, IS PLANNING A PRIVATE FACT-FINDING TRIP TO US AND CANADA FROM DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 10. HE EXPECTS TO MEET WITH FEDERAL, STATE OR PROVINCIAL, AND PRIVATE OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AS WELL AS VISIT ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE AND ALBERTA TAR SANDS PROJECTS. HE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY 2 OR 3 OTHER CONSERVATIVE PARTY MPS.

2. JENKIN HOPES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 9. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT, FEA AND TREASURY OFFICIALS. FYI: AS LEADING OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN AND FORMER MINISTER FOR ENERGY, JENKIN IS INTERESTED IN VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS BRITISH ADHERENCE TO (AND PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION OF) IEP; USG ATTITUDE TOWARD HMG'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MAJORITY  
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PARTICIPATION IN EXISTING NORTH SEA OIL AND GAS LICENSES;

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; AND BRITISH NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR PROGRAMS. END FYI.

3. JENKIN ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY FORMULATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF OIL DEPLETION OR PRORATIONING SYSTEMS. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION, AND POSSIBLY SIMILAR AGENCY IN OKLAHOMA, DURING PERIOD JANUARY 3-8. FYI: IN LEADUP TO OCTOBER ELECTION, JENKIN AUTHORED CONSERVATIVE PARTY PROPOSAL FOR AN OIL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD HAVE ENCOURAGED RAPID RATE OF NORTH SEA EXPLORATION WHILE CONTROLLING RATE OF DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE. END FYI.

4. COMMENT: JENKIN SUPPORTS BRITISH ADHERENCE TO IEP - AT LEAST UNTIL NORTH SEA BRINGS UK SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN OIL PRODUCTION. AT SAME TIME, HE IS MOST EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN IN OR OUT OF GOVERNMENT OPPOSING LABOR PARTY EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE MAJORITY HMG OWNERSHIP OF NORTH SEA OIL. ON NUCLEAR POWER ISSUES, JENKIN FAVORS KEEPING OPEN WESTINGHOUSE PWR OPTION AS SUPPLEMENT TO SGHWR AND SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN FAST BREEDER REACTOR FIELD.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ON TEXAS RR COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.

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